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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 1959

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM JERUSALEM MAYOR TO SADAT

1. AT REQUEST JERUSALEM MAYOR KOLLEK, WE HAVE TRANSMITTED VIA POUCH TO EMBASSY CAIRO A LETTER FROM HIM TO PRESIDENT SADAT. IF YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING FORWARD THE LETTER TO SADAT'S OFFICE.

2. OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF LETTER IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE SADAT'S LETTER TO BEIT HAVA'AD, A MUNICIPAL NURSERY IN JERUSALEM. KOLLEK THEN USES LETTER TO PRESS FOR CONTINUED UNIFICATION OF JERUSALEM. HE NOTES WITH REGRET SADAT'S CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM EAST JERUSALEM, CALLING IT "UNJUST AND UNPRACTICAL." KOLLEK ADDS THAT THERE IS NO DEBATE IN ISRAEL ON KEEPING JERUSALEM UNITED AND CAPITAL OF ISRAEL.

3. FINAL PART IN LETTER CONCERNS THE REPAIRS TO AL AQSA MOSQUE WHICH KOLLEK AND SADAT DISCUSSED DURING NOVEMBER VISIT. IN LETTER, KOLLEK SAYS THAT HE IS AWAITING ARRIVAL OF EGYPTIAN ENGINEER TO HELP EXECUTE THE REPAIRS.

4. COMMENT: AS FACT THAT KOLLEK HAS WRITTEN TO SADAT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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ALREADY IN ARAB EAST JERUSALEM PRESS, WE ASSUME THAT KOLLEK IS USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVINCE JERUSALEM ELECTORATE THAT HE IS THE MAN TO VOTE FOR IN NOVEMBER. IT'S ANOTHER STEP IN HIS PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FOR RECOGNITION OF A UNITED JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL. IT MAY NOT GO ANYWHERE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, BUT IT CANNOT HURT HIM IN ISRAELI POLITICS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE HARAM ASH SHARIF THAT ANWAR AL KHATIB PUT EGYPTIANS STRAIGHT ON PROPRIETY OF CHANNELING ASSISTANCE TO AL AQSA THROUGH GOJ NOT KOLLEK'S MUNICIPALITY. AL AQSA'S CHIEF ENGINEER HAS RECENTLY BEEN ABROAD. RUMOR IS HE WENT TO EGYPT TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION.

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